

# UP TO CITIZENS TO RETAIN BRIDGE WORKS

## \$20,000 Must Be Raised By Subscription At Once

## Citizens' Association Pledges Itself To Accomplish It

### Committee Of Fifteen Appointed To Raise The Money

### And A Vigorous Campaign Will Be Conducted

### Among The Citizens Of Mt. Vernon Immediately

### Ball Started Rolling By The Citizens' Association

### At An Earnest Meeting On Thursday Night

Mt. Vernon must retain the Bridge works!

Such was the opinion, strongly and earnestly expressed at the meeting of the Citizens' association at the city council chamber Thursday night, and which was attended by over fifty members of the organization.

The matter is plainly put up to the citizens of Mt. Vernon, and a prompt response is necessary if the plant is to be rebuilt here.

Several other cities are seeking the location of the plant, and are offering very attractive inducements. The Bridge company is willing to remain in Mt. Vernon, but they cannot afford to ignore the offers to go elsewhere.

In a nutshell, the Bridge works will remain in Mt. Vernon, be rebuilt much larger and on more substantial lines than before and with their out-put capacity doubled, if the citizens of Mt. Vernon will raise for them \$20,000, which is less than the minimum offered elsewhere.

The Citizens' association unanimously agreed to meet this requirement and will at once start a campaign to raise the money, the opinion being expressed on all sides that it can be done.

The meeting of the Citizens' association was largely attended, and an earnestness pervaded the proceedings that augurs well for the success of the efforts that are to be put forth.

The meeting was called to order by President L. C. Penn and after a roll call of the membership, President Penn stated that it was a special meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss the matter of the bridge works.

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present—to deal with the condition that confronts the citizens of Mt. Vernon in reference to the retention here of the Bridge works.

Mr. Penn stated that a meeting of the executive committee of the association had been held with Mr. James Israel, secretary and treasurer of the Bridge company, at which the whole subject was gone thoroughly into and at which Mr. Israel stated that the Bridge company was not making any demands upon the citizens of Mt. Vernon, but stated what was necessary to be done to retain the establishment in this city. He had said that immediately following the fire propositions commenced coming in from other cities seeking the removal of the works and offering inducements to secure them.

**Company's Future Plans**  
President Penn stated that he had requested Mr. Israel to furnish a statement of the contemplated plans of the company in reference to the new structures should it be decided by them to rebuild in Mt. Vernon and in response to the request such a statement had been prepared and was read at the meeting by Secretary McCrackin. It is as follows:

Mt. Vernon, O., Feb. 24, 1910.  
Mr. L. C. Penn, President:

Dear Sir:—Complying with your request to furnish you data of the future plans of the Mt. Vernon Bridge company, I hand you herewith a blue print showing the size of the buildings we intend to build and also the lines of the old shop. You will note from this blue print that the length of the main building of the new shop is 436 feet and the width of a portion of it is 85 feet and for the balance is 135 feet. Note also the addition for blacksmith shop, machine shop, tool room and power plant—the last being separate from the main building. In addition to this, there will be built a template shop 50x100 feet two stories in height which will also be separate from the main building.

All construction will be of steel and brick with an iron roof. Our estimate of the cost of construction of these buildings is \$100,000.

Our old shop was 420 feet long, a portion of it 80 feet wide and the balance 60 feet with additional buildings for power house, blacksmith shop, machine shop, tool room and template room.

The tonnage capacity of the old shop was about 9000 tons annually. With the new shop which we will build it will be at least 15,000 tons annually, with a possible output of 18,000 tons.

At the time of the fire we were employing about 200 persons, including the office force. In our new works we will have a capacity requiring a force of 275 to 300 persons. Our pay roll at the time of the fire was about \$13,000 per month.

Very truly yours,  
THE MT. VERNON BRIDGE CO.  
JAMES ISRAEL,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

**The Company's Requirement**

Following the reading of the above communication, President Penn stated that he had asked Mr. Israel to state just what would be required from the city of Mt. Vernon in the way of money to retain the Bridge Works and that he had replied \$20,000, but stated that he wished to make plain that the company was not asking Mt. Vernon for a cent, but in view of the propositions that have come from other cities to them that the above amount mentioned would be equal to the minimum offer they had received from elsewhere.

**Resolution To Act**

President Penn called on Harry C. Devin and upon responding that gentleman stated that he desired in the first instance to present a resolution to get the matter formally before the meeting so that it could

be properly discussed, and he made a motion that a committee of 15 be selected by the executive committee of the Citizens' association to undertake the acceptance of the proposition and by subscription to raise up to \$20,000 and in their efforts in this direction that they be empowered to call to their assistance such other citizens as they may deem necessary.

Mr. Devin then related the substance of several conversations he had with Mr. Israel and Mr. Wolverton and stated that propositions of an exceedingly attractive character had come from Newark, Piqua, Mansfield, Columbus and several other cities have written letters of inquiry; that Newark had offered 15 acres of ground and \$20,000, Piqua a site and \$50,000 and Columbus even better proposition than the two preceding named.

Mr. Devin made it exceedingly plain that the attitude of the Bridge company was not that of seeking to work one city against another but that with them it was a simple business proposition and that whereas their natural sentiment would be to remain in Mt. Vernon yet they could not allow a sentiment to govern them in the determination of the matter when such material interests were at stake. Mr. Devin also stated that the plans of the Bridge Works it carried out would give Mt. Vernon the largest bridge works in the state.

**The First Subscription**  
At this point Secretary McCrackin read a letter from Mr. Banner M. Allen in which he stated that he was authorized to make pledges of three subscriptions to the fund for the retention of the Bridge Works—two for \$1000 each and one for \$500, making a total of \$2500. The reading of this communication was received with much applause.

**Others Called Upon**  
President Penn called upon several of those present to express themselves on the situation.

Mr. A. A. Dowds stated that it was up to the people of Mt. Vernon to do something and to do it right away to keep the Bridge works here and that he believed with a vigorous campaign of strong personal efforts that the money could be raised.

Judge J. B. Wright stated that it was not an occasion for speech making but for action and that he hoped the proper effort would be made to retain the Bridge works; that if the establishment was lost to Mt. Vernon it would mean a loss of population of about 2000 people and that every line of business would greatly suffer and property would very materially depreciate in value. He gave it as his opinion that the requirement of the Bridge company can be met and pledged himself to do all he could towards that end.

Rev. L. W. Mulhane was also of the opinion that the money could be raised and that if it is accomplished it will be of great help to the city in the future and that all classes of citizens, no matter what their occupation, should help the proposition along.

Mr. F. G. Hadley, freight agent at the B. & O. stated that if a stranger came to Mt. Vernon with a proposition equally as good as the one now presented he had no doubt that the citizens of Mt. Vernon would go after it vigorously and would secure it. Mr. Hadley stated that in response to the request of President Penn as to the freight shipments of the Bridge works during the past six months the freight bills paid by the Bridge works on incoming and outgoing freight aggregated \$23,625. He said that from February 1 to February 14, the date of the fire that 24 car loads of steel had been received by the Bridge works and that they had made a shipment of 34 car loads.

President Penn stated that action by the citizens of Mt. Vernon must be taken promptly; that the fire insurance adjusters were expected Friday and that as soon as the loss was adjusted that the Bridge company desired to move promptly in determining positively their future plans as to location. He also said that Mr. Israel had stated in response to a question that the building of the new structure would take about 90 days.

**Resolution Adopted**

At this point President Penn put the question on the resolution as presented by Mr. Devin and the vote on its adoption was unanimous.

**Plans Discussed**

Plans for raising the subscription of \$20,000 were discussed by Messrs. I. Rosenthal, Frank Harper, F. C.

Larimore, S. M. Woolson, W. A. Ackerman, Fred J. Lawler and Ralph C. Ringwalt. The last named gentleman made a motion that \$50 of the funds of the association be appropriated to further the plan of the committee of 15 and the motion was adopted.

**Public Meeting Soon**  
Mr. A. A. Dowds expressed the opinion that a public meeting was desirable and moved that the matter of calling such a meeting be referred to the executive committee. The motion carried.

**To Notify Company**  
Rev. L. W. Mulhane moved that the secretary inform the Bridge company that their proposition is accepted and that the Citizens' association will make every effort to meet it.

**Committee Appointed**  
Following the meeting of the Citizens' association, the executive committee of the association held a meeting and appointed the general committee that is to have charge of the campaign for raising the \$20,000. Co-operating with this committee will be the executive committee of the association.

The general committee also has power to appoint additional committees from among the citizens of Mt. Vernon, who are not members of the Citizens' association. This will be done at the first meeting of the general committee.

Those composing the general committee are as follows:

S. M. Woolson, chairman.  
W. A. Ackerman.  
Frank L. Beam.  
Dr. F. C. Larimore.  
Carl N. Lorey.  
Rev. L. W. Mulhane.  
W. E. McCormick.  
I. Rosenthal.  
Warner T. Sharpe.  
J. C. Tinkey.  
B. B. Williams.  
Miles J. Fish.  
E. O. Arnold.  
Fred J. Lawler.  
Frank E. Kirby.

**Will Maintain Quarters**

The committee in charge of raising the \$20,000 will conduct a campaign similar in its methods and scope to that carried on for the Y. M. C. A.

The room of the Richard West estate, between the postoffice and the Banner office, has been kindly donated by Mr. W. A. Hosack, executor of Richard West, and it will be fitted up for the use of the committee and as an accessible place for interested citizens to gather and boost along the important campaign.

Mr. L. Tate Cronley has been secured to act as secretary and he will be present in the West room during the days and evenings until the campaign reaches a successful conclusion.

**K. of C. Hall Donated**

Friday morning President Penn of the Citizens' association received a communication from the trustees of the Knights of Columbus, in which they kindly donated the use of their large lodge room in the Jones block for use of a public meeting, should such be called. The room has a seating capacity of 250. The offer of the trustees will be accepted.

**Donate Current**  
Manager Mitchell of the Mt. Vernon Street Railway & Light company has offered to President Penn all the electric current that may be necessary to light the headquarters room free of expense. The offer has been accepted.

## ADJUSTERS

### Here To Adjust Loss Of The Bridge Works Fire

Messrs. C. F. Barnard and T. C. Carroll, of Cleveland, insurance adjusters, arrived in the city Friday afternoon to adjust the loss of the Bridge works fire. It is the expectation in commence work cleaning up the debris of the fire next Monday.

Mrs. Harry G. Slingluff returned last evening from a visit at Ashville.

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## REPUBLICANS

### To Hold Congressional Convention On June 8

### And Select Delegates Simultaneously May 21

At a meeting of the Republican congressional committee of the Fourteenth district at Shelby Thursday afternoon, it was determined to hold the congressional convention at Mansfield on June 8. It was also ordered that in each county the central committee issue a call for a delegate convention to be held in each county the same day, May 21, for the selection of delegates to the congressional convention. W. F. Bruce of Mt. Glenad was selected as temporary chairman of the congressional convention and A. W. Fritzinger of Ashland and P. D. Worley of Knox temporary secretaries.

## BURNED

### About The Face When Gun Was Discharged

Robert Pelton, who resides on Mansfield avenue, was severely injured Thursday evening while handling a small shooting iron. Mr. Pelton was cleaning the gun for some reason, fitted a cap on the firing pin. The trigger was accidentally pulled and he received the full charge on the right side of the face and in the right eye. The burns were very severe and Dr. S. E. Deeley was called to render the proper attention.

## KILLED

### Were Four Persons By Avalanche Of Snow

Missoula, Mont., Feb. 25.—As the result of an avalanche on the west end of this division of the Puget Sound line three men and one woman are dead today and one man is more or less injured.

Charles Nelson was struck by an avalanche near Adair, and buried under 300 feet of snow with three companions, who were employed as section men. Three men crawled out uninjured. Details of the disaster reached here today.

This accident occurred early yesterday morning and at 1:15 yesterday afternoon another avalanche thundered down the hill near the Adair water tank, covering a prospector's shack in which were five men and a woman. Two men, named Shoes, were killed, together with the woman, who was the wife of one of the dead men.

## W. P. BOGARDUS

### Elected A Delegate To The National Hardware Convention

At the session of the Ohio Hardware association at Toledo on Thursday, Mr. W. P. Bogardus of Mt. Vernon was selected one of the delegates from Ohio to the National Hardware convention which will be held in Denver, Colo.

Mr. William Wonderly of Lancaster, formerly of Bangs, spent Friday in the city with friends.

## POLICE OFFICIAL OF PARIS EXAMINING "APACHE" WEAPONS



Members of the underworld of Paris who live by preying are known as "Apaches." They rank among the most desperate criminals and thugs of the world. One of the Apaches captured recently was named Liabaut. He wore sleeves and wristlets of brass studded with keen points, which lacerated the hands of the policemen who arrested him.

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At a regular convocation of Clinton Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templars, held Friday evening the order of the Temple was conferred upon Mr. O. C. Hagan of this city by Eminent Commander Harry J. Shipley and the corps of officers.

Mr. Charles Clark has returned to his home in South Vernon after a several days' visit with relatives and friends in Centerburg.

The railway line from Bahia Blanca to Carmen de Patagones, which is being rapidly pushed, will do much to develop this rich agricultural region, which will also be assisted by the project irrigation plans for using the water of the Rio Negro.